

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 13 and 14 as shown below, and cancel Claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 16 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A character processing apparatus comprising:
- first storage means for storing information relating to an area for displaying character data;
  - second storage means for storing character data in association with the area for displaying character data;
  - arrangement means for arranging the character data stored in said second storage means in a display area created in accordance with the information stored in said first storage means;
  - display means for displaying the character data which can be arranged in the display area by said arrangement means, wherein overflow character data which cannot be arranged in the display area by said arrangement means is not displayed by said display means;
  - judgment means for judging whether a user has selected a predetermined designation for the display area in a case where overflow character data is present, wherein selection of the predetermined designation for the display area is not allowed in a case where overflow character data is not present; [[and]]
  - control means for carrying out control in such a way that overflow character data which cannot be displayed in the display area is moved to third storage means for

storing overflow character data from said second storage means when said judgment means judges that the predetermined designation is selected for the display area in which overflow character data is present; and

rearrangement means for rearranging the overflow character data stored in said third storage means in another display area specified by the user.

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2. (Previously presented) A character processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when overflow character data which cannot be displayed in the display area exists, said display means displays a mark to report that the non-displayed overflow character data exists.

3. and 4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display means displays the character data arranged in the display area and a frame representing the display area.

6. (Previously Presented) A character processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said arrangement means arranges the character data in accordance with a format which is decided for every area.

7. (Currently Amended) A character processing method of controlling a character processing apparatus, the character processing apparatus including first storage

means for storing information relating to an area for displaying character data and second storage means for storing character data in association with the area for displaying character data, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging the character data stored in the second storage means in a display area created in accordance with the information stored in the first storage means;

displaying the character data which can be arranged in the display area in said arranging step, wherein overflow character data which cannot be arranged in the display area in said arranging step is not displayed in said displaying step;

judging whether a user has selected a predetermined designation for the display area in a case where overflow character data is present, wherein selection of the predetermined designation for the display area is not allowed in a case where overflow character data is not present; [[and]]

carrying out control in such a way that overflow character data which cannot be displayed in the display area is moved to third storage means for storing overflow character data from the second storage means when, in said judging step, it is judged that the predetermined designation is selected for the display area in which overflow character data is present; and

rearranging the overflow character data stored in said third storage means in another display area specified by the user.

8. (Previously presented) A character processing method according to claim 7, wherein when overflow character data which cannot be displayed in the display

area exists, a mark to report that non-displayed overflow character data exists is displayed in said displaying step.

9. and 10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to claim 7, wherein said displaying step displays the character data arranged in the display area and a frame representing the display area.

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12. (Previously Presented) A character processing method according to claim 7, wherein the character data is arranged in said arranging step in accordance with a format which is decided for every area.

13. (Currently Amended) A character processing method, comprising the steps of:

arranging character data, which is stored in storage means in association with a display area in which the character data is to be displayed, in the display area;

displaying the character data which can be arranged in the display area in said arranging step, wherein overflow character data which cannot be arranged in the display area in said arranging step is not displayed in said displaying step;

judging whether a user has selected a predetermined designation for the display area in a case where overflow character data is present, wherein selection of the predetermined designation for the display area is not allowed in a case where overflow character data is not present; [[and]]

carrying out control in such a way that overflow character data which cannot be displayed in the display area is moved to another storage means for storing overflow character data from the storage means when it is judged, in said judging step, that the predetermined designation is selected for the display area in which the overflow character data is present; and

rearranging the overflow character data stored in said other storage means in another display area specified by the user.

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14. (Currently Amended) A storage medium from which data can be read out by a computer, said storage medium storing therein a control program for executing processing steps comprising:

arranging character data, which is stored in storage means in association with a display area in which the character data is to be displayed, in the associated display area;

displaying the character data which can be arranged in the display area in said arranging step, wherein overflow character data which cannot be arranged in the display area in said arranging step of arranging the character data is not displayed in said displaying step;

judging whether a user has selected a predetermined designation for the display area in a case where overflow character data is present, wherein selection of the predetermined designation for the display area is not allowed in a case where overflow character data is not present; [[and]]

carrying out control in such a way that overflow character data which cannot be displayed in the display area is moved to another storage means for storing overflow character data from the storage means when it is judged that the predetermined designation is selected for the display area in which the overflow character data is present; and rearrangement means for rearranging the overflow character data stored in said other storage means in another display area specified by the user.

15. (Previously presented) A storage medium according to claim 14, wherein when overflow character data which cannot be arranged in the display area exists, a mark to report that the non-displayed overflow character data exists is displayed in said displaying step.

16. and 17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A storage medium according to claim 14, wherein said control program for displaying displays character data which is arranged in the area and a frame representing the area.

19. (Previously Presented) A storage medium according to claim 14, wherein said control program for arranging arranges the character data in accordance with a format which is decided for every area.